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Assignment of lands to political sufferers.

* 280 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 295, dated 31st July 1952—

(*a*) the total extent of land handed over by the Government to the political sufferers up-to-date;

(*b*) the extent of such land taken away from the possession of the Harijans and other landless poor and granted to such political sufferers up-to-date;

(*c*) the extent of land handed back to the Government by the political sufferers; and

(*d*) the extent of such land, if any, granted to the Harijans and other landless poor during the said period?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) 39,210 acres up to 23rd June 1952.

" (*b*) 2,395 acres up to 23rd June 1952.

" (*c*) 359 acres up to 23rd June 1952.

" (*d*) Nil. "

Pay of elementary school teachers.

* 281 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum recently from the Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union, Malabar, regarding the increase in their pay, allowances, etc., and if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The answer is in the affirmative. I have recently said that the Government do not at present find it possible to revise the scales of pay of teachers, in view of the heavy commitments involved which cannot be met owing to the financial stringency. However, the matter is receiving our continued anxious and sympathetic consideration."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—" Are Government aware of the fact that recently the Malabar aided elementary school teachers took a strike ballot and that the teachers are by a overwhelming majority in favour of a strike? If so, will the Government be pleased to redress the grievances of the aided elementary school teachers of Malabar and avert a possible strike? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Apart from the threat of strike in Malabar, of which the Government have heard with regret, as I have already stated, the question is under our anxious and sympathetic consideration. "

Sri C. H. KANNAN:—" May I know the demands put forward by the teachers and what the Government have to say on each demand? "